REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 22-32 have been cancelled.

New claims 33-51 are supported by the Specification as originally filed and are submitted as allowable.

Previous Rejections

Because the claims have been completely replaced, the previous rejections are moot. However, Applicants submit new claims 33-51 are allowable over the previously cited art.

Neither Good (U.S. Patent No. 5,571,256), Fall et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,687,505), Sekerich (U.S. Patent No. 4,067,632) nor any other art of record, alone or in combination, recite a mounting system in which a portion of a telescoping rail assembly is recessed within a recess formed between vertical rack members of a computer component rack with a recess formed in a support member.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

CONCLUSION

The prior art made of record, but not specifically cited, is not believed to disclose any significant information that is not sufficiently discussed in this Amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that all issues and rejections have been adequately addressed and that all claims pending following entry of this Amendment are now allowable and that the case should be advanced to issuance.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss the claims as amended, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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ATTACHMENT A

Cleaned-Up Version of Amended Claims (as of 8/26/02)

1-32. (Cancelled).

33. (New) A mounting system for a computer component rack, the computer component rack having a pair of vertical rack members on a side of the computer component rack, positioned at a front and a back of the computer component rack, the mounting system comprising:

a support member, comprising:

a pair of attachment members attachable to the pair of vertical rack members; and

a support rail, positioned between the pair of attachment members and recessed outwardly, forming a support member recess between the pair of vertical rack members when the support member is attached to the pair of vertical rack members; and

a telescoping rail assembly, mountable to the support rail within the support member recess, such that a portion of the telescoping rail assembly is recessed outwardly within the support member recess.

34. (New) The mounting system of claim 33, the telescoping rail assembly comprising:

a first telescoping slide rail, mounted to a computer component enclosure for mounting the computer component enclosure within the computer component rack; and

a second telescoping slide rail, mounted to the first telescoping slide rail and mounted to the support rail within the support member recess.

35. (New) The mounting system of claim 34, wherein the second telescoping rail cannot extend beyond the pair of vertical rack members.

36. (New) The mounting system of claim 33, further comprising:

an enclosure recess formed in a side of a computer component enclosure for mounting within the computer component rack, the enclosure recess extending inwardly into the computer component enclosure;

wherein the telescoping rail assembly is mountable to the computer component enclosure within the enclosure recess, such that a portion of the telescoping rail assembly is recessed inwardly in the enclosure recess.

37. (New) The mounting system of claim 36, wherein the enclosure recess extends vertically from a bottom of the computer component enclosure.

38. (New) The mounting system of claim 36, wherein the enclosure recess has a recess height, the recess height being no more than one half a height of the side of the computer component enclosure.

39. (New) The mounting system of claim 36, the telescoping rail assembly comprising:

a first telescoping slide rail, mountable to the component enclosure within the enclosure recess; and

a second telescoping slide rail, mounted to the first telescoping slide rail and mountable to the support rail within the support member recess.

40. (New) The mounting system of claim 33, wherein the telescoping rail assembly has a height approximately one half of a height of the support rail.

41. (New) The mounting system of claim 40, wherein the telescoping rail assembly is mountable within an upper half of the support rail.

42. (New) The mounting system of claim 40, wherein the telescoping rail assembly is mountable within a lower half of the support rail.

43. (New) A computer component rack mounting system, comprising:

a pair of vertical rack members on a side of a computer component rack, positioned at a front and a back of the computer component rack;

a support member, comprising:

a pair of attachment members, attachable to the pair of vertical rack members; and

a support rail, positioned between the pair of attachment members and recessed outwardly, forming a support member recess between the pair of vertical rack members when the support member is attached to the pair of vertical rack members;

a computer component enclosure, adapted for mounting within the computer component rack; and

a telescoping rail assembly, mountable to the support rail within the support member recess and mountable to the computer component enclosure, such that a portion of the telescoping rail assembly is recessed outwardly within the support member recess.

44. (New) The computer component rack mounting system of claim 43, the computer component enclosure comprising:

an enclosure recess formed in a side of the computer component enclosure.

45. (New) The computer component rack mounting system of claim 44, the telescoping rail assembly comprising:

a first telescoping slide rail, mountable within the enclosure recess; and

a second telescoping slide rail, mounted to the first telescoping slide rail and mountable to the support rail within the support member recess, such that the second telescoping slide rail is recessed outwardly within the support member recess.

46. (New) The computer component rack mounting system of claim 45, wherein the second telescoping slide rail cannot extend beyond the pair of vertical rack members.

47. (New) The computer component rack mounting system of claim 43, wherein the telescoping slide rail assembly is mountable within either an upper half or a lower half of the support rail.

48. (New) The computer component rack mounting system of claim 43, wherein the telescoping slide rail assembly has a height no more than one half of a height of the side of the computer component enclosure.

49. (New) A method of mounting a computer component enclosure, comprising the steps of:

recessing a first portion of a telescoping rail assembly between a pair of vertical rack members of a computer component rack; and

recessing a second portion of the telescoping rail assembly within a recess of a computer component enclosure;

extending the first portion of the telescoping rail assembly between the pair of vertical rack members when extending the computer component enclosure; and

extending the second portion of the telescoping rail assembly exterior to the computer component rack.

50. (New) The method of claim 49, further comprising the step of:

mounting the first portion of the telescoping rail assembly to one half of a support rail recessed within and attached to the pair of vertical rack members.

51. (New) The method of claim 49, further comprising the step of:

forming the recess within one half of a side of the computer component enclosure.